GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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SECURITY SURCHARGE ON PASSENGER TICKETS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the Railway Safety Fund which is being collected through tickets from all level passengers;

(b) the methodology to utilise this fund for the safety measures of railways;

(c) whether the State Governments are eligible to get a dividend from this fund; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) `Safety Surcharge` collected through tickets from all classes of passengers is used for Special Railway Safety Fund. An amount of Rs.304.86 crore was collected during 2001-2002 and Rs.295.41 crore have been collected during 2002-2003 (upto September 2002).

(b) The Special Railway Safety Fund has been set up with a view to wipe out the arrears of replacements and renewals of assets on the Railways in a fixed time schedule of six years. The fund will receive contribution of Rs.12,000 crore from Central Government and Rs.5000 crore will be contributed by the Railways over the period. This fund is to be utilised on identified works under the planheads of Track Renewal, Bridge Works, Signalling, Machinery & Plant, Other Electrical Works, Other Specified Works and certain Safety Enhancement Works. These works have been listed in the Budget document titled `Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme, Part-lll (Green Book) for 2002-02`.

(c) No dividend is being paid to State Governments from the Special Railway Safety Fund.

(d) Does not arise.